GOD ſaue the KING

CHARLES by the grace of GOD, King of great Britaine, France, and Ireland: Defender of the Faith; &c. To Our Loveds,

Meſſingers Our Shireffes in that part conjunctly and ſeverally ſpeciallie conſtitute greeting, Forſamekle as in the Warre vnder-taken, and now followed out, by Our deareſt Uncle the King of *Denmark*, It is not vnknowne to Our good Subjects how farre WEE are ingadged therein, and how important the Proſecution of that Warre is to WS, hauing aſwell Our honour, as the preſervation of Religion, and the ſafetie of Our Eſtates and dominions all conjoyned, and concurring therewith. The conſideration whereof, and the neceſſitie of a tymous and ſubſtantious ſupplie to bee ſent to Our ſaid deareſt Uncle, the King of *Denmarke*, moved WS to give warrand for levying of ſome Forces in this Our kingdome, and Wee recommended to Our Counſell the furtherance and advancement of theſe levyes, and the tymous, and ſpeedie diſpatch of them. And although diverſe perſons of good qualitie out of their generous diſpoſition to Our honour, and credite of their Countrie, have embraced this ſervice, Yet there are numbers of idle and maiſterleſſe men, wanting trades, ſervice, and meanes to live by, who ſhunnes the ſame: So that this ſupplie, which Wee ſo earneſtlie affect, and Our ſaid deareſt Uncle, the King of *Denmark* ſo conſtantly expects, is like to be fruſtrate, to Our high offence and diſpleaſure, and to the ſhame and diſcredite of this Our Kingdome. For preventing whereof, WEE, with advyſe of the Lords of our ſecreet Counſell, have given and granted, and by the tennour heereof, gives and grants Our warrand and Commiſſion, and therewithall Commands and ordaines, The Iuſtices of Peace throughout all the Shirefdomes of this Our Kingdome, and the Miniſters of the particular Paroches within the ſame. That in everie Shirefdome where diviſion is made thereof in quarters, or circuits, and the attendance over the quarter, or circuit is committed to any particular Juſtices of Peace within the ſame. That one of the ſaid Iuſtices of peace, with the Miniſter of each particular Paroche Kirke within the circuite, make choiſe of two honeſt men of the Seſſion of the Paroche, and they concurring together, to take tryall and inquirie of all idle, and maſterleſſe men, wanting ſervice or competent meanes to liue by within the boundes of the Paroch. And where there is no diviſion made by circuits, or quarters, and where there are no Iuſtices of peace reſident in a Paroch: That in that caſe ſome one of the Iuſtices of peace dwelling in the next adjacent Paroch, with the Miniſter of the Paroch, make the ſaid choiſe of two honeſt men of the Seſſion, and take the tryall and inquirie foreſaid. And of everie ſuch tryall and inquirie ſo to bee taken, that a liſt and Roll bee made of the names of the perſons, againſt whom this tryall ſhall proceed, with their age and qualitie, and where, and vnder whom they dwell, and that they report this Roll ſubſcrived with their hands, and teſtified by their conſcience, that it is a true roll faithfully given vp according to their knowlegde without private reſpects. And that none of the qualitie foreſaid are omitted foorth thereof, and that the roll bee cloſed, and ſealed, and reported to the ſaid Lords of Our Counſell vnrevealed, or the tenour thereof divulged betweene and the Fifteen daye of Iunie nextocome at the furtheſt. As the ſaid Juſtices of peace, and Miniſters will teſtifie their affection to this ſervice, which ſo highly concernes WS, the true Religion, and the honour and credite of Our Kingdome, and as they will anſwere vpon the contrare at their perill.

OUR WILL IS herefore, and We charge you ſtraitly and commands that incontinent theſe our letters ſeene Ye paſſe and in our Name and authoritie Make publication hereof by open proclamation at the market croces of the head Burrowes of this Our Kingdome, and other places needfull, where-through none pretend ignorance of the ſame. The which to doe WEE commit to you coniunctly and ſeuerally Our full power, by theſe Our Letters delivering the ſame by you duelie execute and indorſed againe to the bearer. Given vnder Our Signet at Haly-Rood-Houſe, the ſixteene day of May, and of Our reigne the third yeere. 1627.

Per Actum D. Secreti Conſilij.

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